

**CITY OF SAN DIEGO**  
**Election Campaign Control Ordinance**  
**(PRIOR AND CURRENT PROVISIONS)**

#	CATEGORY	PRIOR ECCO	CURRENT ECCO (EFFECTIVE JANUARY 5, 2005 UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED)
1	<b>CONTRIBUTION LIMITS</b> (An individual making a contribution to a candidate or controlled committee)	\$250 per election. §27.2941	\$250 per election for council district seats; \$300 per election for Citywide races indexed to CPI every 2 years, beginning in 2007. §27.2935
2	<b>CONTRIBUTION LIMITS</b> (An individual making a contribution to a general purpose recipient committee or PAC)	\$250 per election (per candidate) aggregated with contributions directly to candidates. §27.2941	\$250 per candidate per election (district); \$300 per candidate per election (citywide); limits apply only to amounts that are attributed to support/oppose City candidates indexed to CPI every 2 years, beginning in 2007. §27.2936
3	<b>CONTRIBUTIONS BY NON-INDIVIDUALS</b> (contributions supporting a candidate)	Prohibited. §27.2947	Prohibited; general purpose recipient committees can accept contributions from organizations, but cannot use them for City candidate elections.  <b>EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 7, 2004:</b> <b>Contributions are permitted from personal trust accounts. 27.2950</b>
4	<b>PRE-PRIMARY CONTRIBUTIONS FOR GENERAL ELECTION</b>	Local candidates may accept contributions for both elections at the same time; if candidate withdraws or loses at primary, general election contributions will become subject to surplus funds restrictions at end of reporting period following election.	Local candidates may accept contributions for both elections at the same time; candidates who are not in a general election are required to return general election contributions on pro rata basis; contributions must be reported with designation of "P" for primary and "G" for general elections. §27.2930, 27.2939
5	<b>PRE-ELECTION FUNDRAISING TIME LIMITS</b>	Not addressed; unlimited.	12 months before primary (not applicable to elections occurring in 2006). §27.2938(a)
6	<b>POST-ELECTION FUNDRAISING TIME LIMIT</b>	Not addressed; unlimited.	180 days. §27.2938(b)
7	<b>VENDOR CREDIT TIME LIMIT</b>	90 days. §27.2945	180 days. §27.2960
8	<b>CANDIDATE PERSONAL LOAN LIMITS</b>	No limits. §27.2941	\$100,000 (both district and citywide) Loan limits include bank loans but are not aggregated with credit card balances Candidates may not charge interest. §27.2922

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9	<b>SUPPLEMENTAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS (in addition to those required by State)</b>	None.	Committees must list contributors in alphabetical order; general purpose recipient committees must attach a disclosure page to campaign reports identifying the contributions used to fund expenditures that support City candidates. §27.2930
10	<b>ON-LINE FILING</b>	No requirements.	Required for all local candidates and committees whose contributions or expenditures reach \$10,000 threshold (as soon as an electronic filing system is in place). §27.2931
11	<b>LEGAL DEFENSE FUND</b>	None; separate account not allowed pursuant to state law.	Permitted for enforcement proceedings and audits. May accept contributions of \$250 per calendar year from individuals. Must use existing campaign controlled committee. §27.2965-27.2969
12	<b>SURPLUS CAMPAIGN FUNDS</b>	No additional restrictions to the state law applicable to local committees.	May be used to pay outstanding debts, repay contributors, make donations to charities, contribute to a political party, contribute to a candidate for federal office or any state other than California, contribute to a ballot measure committee, or pay for professional services (including legal fees). §27.2924
13	<b>CONTRIBUTOR NAME &amp; ADDRESS</b>	Required for all contributors. §27.2925	Required for all contributions (with the exception of anonymous contributions discussed below). §27.2925
14	<b>ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTOR INFORMATION (occupation, employer)</b>	Required for contributions of \$100 or more. Must obtain information within 20 business days or return within 25 days; may not deposit without information. §27.2921	Required for contributions of \$100 or more. Must obtain information within 30 business days or return within 35 days; may not deposit without information; language added to clarify that funds from contributors are not considered "received" until the occupation/ employer information is received. §27.2916, 27.2930(e)
15	<b>NOTICE REGARDING REIMBURSEMENT OF CONTRIBUTORS</b>	None.	Must provide notice to contributors that they may not be reimbursed by any person, company, or organization. §27.2945
16	<b>ANONYMOUS CONTRIBUTIONS</b>	\$200 cap total. §27.2949	\$200 cap total per election ( <u>not</u> per contributor). §27.2942

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17	<b>RETURN OF CONTRIBUTIONS</b>	No violation if contribution not deposited and returned within 20 business days; requires payment to the City Treasurer and written explanation to the City Clerk if the candidate or committee deposits a contribution that violates ECCO (payment equals the amount of violation). §27.2948	Existing provision maintained, but additional language gives committees an opportunity to cure (and return contributions to contributors) before filing deadline; after deadline payment to City Treasurer required. §27.2955
18	<b>RECALL ELECTIONS</b>	Recall election begins on the date a notice of intention to circulate a recall petition is published. §27.2905	Clarifies that officeholder subject to recall may begin collecting contributions as soon as committee seeking recall is able to begin collecting contributions; recall elections are considered candidate elections, and contribution limits apply but are not aggregated with contributions for the candidate's other elections. §27.2953
19	<b>MASS MAILINGS</b>	No additional restrictions to the state law applicable to local committees.	<b>EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 7, 2004: Mass mailings (200 or more similar pieces of campaign literature sent within a calendar month) must include the name and address of the committee responsible for sending the mailing, and must also include a “paid for by” disclosure. Both disclosures must be in 12-point type in contrasting color. §27.2970</b>
20	<b>TELEPHONE COMMUNICATIONS</b>	None.	<b>EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 7, 2004: A candidate or committee that pays for telephone calls to more than 500 individuals or households in an election cycle for the purpose of supporting or opposing a City candidate or ballot measure must include a “paid for by” disclosure during the telephone calls. The disclosure must be at the same speed and volume as the rest of the call. §27.2971</b>
21	<b>OTHER POLITICAL ADVERTISEMENTS</b>	Advertisements must say not authorized or paid for by City candidate. §27.2951	Committees must identify themselves by stating “paid for by” in 12-point type in contrasting color, or, if the communication is broadcast, the disclosure must be audible. Billboard advertisements must include “paid for by” disclosure at least 5% of total ad height. Current language requiring ads to say “not authorized by candidate” is deleted. §27.2972, 27.2974
22	<b>EXPENDITURES IN SUPPORT OF BALLOT MEASURES</b>	No additional restrictions to the state law applicable to local committees.	Committees must identify themselves by stating “paid for by” (in 12-point type in contrasting color), identify top two contributors of \$50,000 or more, and identify the contributors' interests. §27.2975, 27.2976

